

Input from NGO Committee on FfD for FfD Inter-agency Task Force

Section 5.1 of Draft Report is on Social Compact:

- Commits to a new social compact. ... (and to) strong international support for these efforts, and will explore coherent funding modalities to mobilize additional resources, building on country-led experiences (12)
- Provide fiscally sustainable and nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, with a focus on those furthest below the poverty line and the vulnerable, persons with disabilities, indigenous persons, children, youth and older persons (12, SDG 1.3)
- Encourages countries to consider setting nationally appropriate spending targets for quality investments in essential public services for all, including health, education, energy, water and sanitation, consistent with national sustainable development strategies (12)

What do you recommend for monitoring, follow up and review of these commitments?

- Set up UN office to monitor government commitments
- Look at best practice models from various agencies and missteps of past
- Create national mechanism for anonymous feedback from grassroots
- Capacity-building effort aimed at grassroots (train grassroots to collect/provide data to UN)
- Countries giving ODA allocate certain percentage for social protection floors
- Count how many countries budget for, give, and receive ODA for social protection floors
- Measure aid money transferred from high-income countries to low-income countries
- Require that those presenting their findings on the effectiveness of programs, aid, and donations be routinely asked how grassroots people participated in the evaluation
- Interface with existing networks/coalitions
- Establish poverty line
- Require transparency of national budgets to assess financial prioritization of people's needs (i.e., generate figures comparing military/defense spending to essential social service spending); put this information in hands of people to be used as a tool for application of pressure to their governments
- Cap on foreign debt to prevent ownership of beneficiary nations by benefactor nations
- Monitor how much "global north" contributes to process
- Define what is meant by "strong international support" and "New Social Compact"
- Monitor and track planning, decision-making, policy action, and budgeting efforts
- Include functioning tax structure, resource collection
- Provide for Civil Society "Shadow Reports" in review process
- Make sure statistics and data are disaggregated
- Make sure amounts budgeted are actually allocated to and received by intended parties and used as intended
- How were grassroots people involved in the drafting of this Inter-agency report?